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Democratic State Ticket.

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matters of interest and information, see
First and Fourth Pages.

The Usury Issue.

Since the passage of an usury law has

become a distinctive issue in the coming

election in this Senatorial district, it is

right that the position of the Democracy

upon the question should be clearly laid

down. Although the last Legislature, which

repealed the 10 per cent. law, was Democ-

ratic, it was claimed that that measure was

carried by the exertion of the Republican

members of that body. Though it is im-

possible to see what direct connection the

passage of that law has to do with an usury

law, yet at a matter of fact, it is but just to

state that it was supported in both Houses

by many more Democrats than Republi-

cans. It was inaugurated by Mr. Hubbell,

of Delaware, a Republican, much to the

disgust of a number of his own party, who

used their utmost endeavors to crush it, and

he was compelled to place his great reliance

on his Democratic friends in the hour of

need. Mr. Slade, of Cleveland, a Republi-

can fanatic, was the great champion of ten

per cent. in the Senate, and made rim speech

of the session upon the subject. His writ-

ten manuscript comprised 30 pages, and he

was several hours in delivering it. He

raked heaven and earth to find arguments

to support his position, read whole pages of

the Wealth of Nations, and made

quotations from the works of

Mr. Say and Dr. Wayland, until

most of his audience, worn out by his

lengthy remarks, fell asleep, or retired in

disgust. But notwithstanding all this, we

are not of the opinion that Mr. Slade was

opposed to an usury law, or was in favor

of the repeal of the ten per cent. law, is no

criterion by which to judge the persuasions

of any man on this subject.

In some communities, and upon extra-

ordinary occasions, money may be worth 10

per cent., and it might have been the honest

conviction of many of the members of the

Legislature that it is worth that much in

Ohio, at the present day, and hence they

were in favor of the law remaining as it was.

Others were willing to vote for an 8 per

cent. law, but thought 6 per cent. too low,

and preferred 10 to 6 per cent. Again,

there were many who would have voted for

the 6 per cent. act, had it been guarded by

the necessary penalties and restrictions, but

as long as it was not thus guarded, they were

in favor of the law standing as it was. And

yet, notwithstanding this diversity of opinion

as to the rate of legal interest, these

men might have been all alike opposed to

the taking of usury, and perhaps would be in

favor of a stringent usury law, inflicting

severe penalties upon any broker or money

shaver who would take more than the legal

rate.

The repeal or the re-enactment of the

10 per cent. law has but little to do with an

usury law, and is no criterion by which to

judge the preference of either party upon

that subject.

The present issue did not arise in the

Legislature, but in several counties of the

State, of which ours is one. The Democ-

racy, in convention, by adopting a resolution

pledging themselves to attempt to bring about

the enactment of an usury law, threw down the

gauntlet, and the Republicans, by the

nomination of Mr. Cuyler, took it up. They

brought about the issue themselves, and

upon it the battle rages, and will continue to rage until the election. The Democrats are pledged in favor of an usury law; the Republicans are pledged against it.

If the people want law under which they

can borrow money at low and regular rates;

let them vote for the Democratic nominees;

but if they want to be fleeced by money

sharks, and pay enormous rates when they

want a little accommodation, let them

God speed in supporting the opposite party.

Military Medal—Interesting Reminis-

cences.

Among other beautiful things in Sher-

wood's window, is the "mammoth silver

medal," weighing over half a pound of pure

silver, which was won by the Columbus Ve-

dettes, at the late encampment of General

Batties, First Brigade, Thirteenth Division,

O. V. M. On one side of the meda is en-

graved a shield on which is inscribed the

name of the company receiving the prize—

Surmounting the shield is the American

Eagle guarding two flags. At the right a

stack of arms, and at the left an artillery

man standing beside a cannon. Beneath,

laid branches crossed, and around the

whole is engraved: "First Brigade, Thir-

teenth Division, Ohio Volunteer Militia."—

The reverse is the coat of arms of the State

of Ohio. This medal was offered as a prize,

by Gen. Battles, to the best drilled company

in his brigade, and was awarded to the Ve-

dettes, Capt. Walcott, by a committee con-

sisting of Gen. Woods, of Gov. Chase's Staff,

and Col. King of the First Regiment.

The site of Gen. Battles' encampment is

one replete with historical interest. In re-

ference to it the Ohio State Journal gives us the following deeply interesting facts:

"Many have asked why this occasion and locality has been named "Camp Harrison." To the old settlers who were pioneers in the early years of the present century, the name will appear as singularly appropriate. To them who were youths in 1812, and held their sports in Franklin and the beautiful country surrounding, every foot of ground is of deep interest, every old building and forest tree, has its legend, all being replete with historical reminiscences of the year of 1812. In the old log building now where was the entrance gate, Gen. Harrison had his head quarters, during one episode of the war, and on the eminence where the present encampment is situated, were stationed the famous Kentucky troops under Col. Ball and Johnson. And near the south end of the camp, stood the fort, which was the scene of the famous battle between Harrison and the Wyandots. It was here that he made his celebrated petition speech, when addressing the dusky savages, who with glowing eyes regarded every action and drank in every word. Said the old Hero: "Proctor has offered a reward for my scalp; his furious allies are instructed to show no mercy; kill and spare not the word—None but cowards will injure prisoners, women or children. Now, if you are so fortunate as to catch Proctor, don't harm him but dress him in petticoats and make a squaw of him."

After Hull's ignominious surrender the greatest alarm pervaded the whole country.

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